



# Full Court Press

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## In This Issue: Stone Soup

By Mark S. Thompson, District Court Administrator

Have you heard the story of *Stone Soup*? If you are unfamiliar with the story, here it is in a nutshell.

Once upon a time, a weary traveler stopped in a town square to prepare his evening meal with nothing more than a boiling cauldron of water and a stone. As the traveler sniffed the "broth" and licked his lips in anticipation of his supper, he said to himself rather loudly, "I do like a tasty stone soup. Of course, stone soup with cabbage, that's hard to beat." One of the curious villagers approached hesitantly, holding a cabbage retrieved from its hiding place, and added it to the pot. The traveler mused, "You know, I once had stone soup with cabbage and a bit of beef as well." This time the village butcher stepped forward with some beef... and so it went, through potatoes, onions, carrots, mushrooms, and so on, until there was indeed a delicious meal for all. The moral is that by working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved.

As most of you know, our overall criminal case statistics are significantly up. This trend has no end in sight. The City of Minneapolis will add dozens of new officers, currently in training, in the next few months. In addition to the high

number of filings, MNCIS implementation in the Criminal Division is scheduled for May 2007.

Presiding judges, administrators and managers met recently to discuss the impact of MNCIS on the already busy Criminal Division. Our resources to accomplish the implementation seemed a lot like stone soup; not much more than water and a stone. Decisions were unanimously accepted by judicial management based on our greater overall organizational need. Resources were redirected to accomplish MNCIS implementation and process the growing case load in the Criminal Division. Once again, the moral is that by working together, with everyone contributing what they can, a greater good is achieved.

Thank you for your perseverance. We have worked through lean times before, and I am confident we will emerge from this challenge stronger. We are the best urban court in the country due to your efforts.

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### Fourth Judicial District

**Mission:** To provide a system of Justice that assures equal access for the fair and timely resolution of cases and controversies.

**Vision:** To be recognized as providing an accessible, fair, courteous, efficient and innovative system of Justice.

### Three new judges sworn in at triple ceremony

By Jamie Smith, Communications Assistant

Kerry W. Meyer, Susan M. Robiner and Jay M. Quam were publicly sworn in during a ceremony at the Thrivent Financial Auditorium on October 3, 2006. The three were appointed by Governor Tim Pawlenty on July 17, 2006 to fill vacancies created by the retirements of judges LaJune Lange and Catherine Anderson, and the

a judge to administer their oath, and family to hold the Bible and assist with the robing.

The first to be sworn in was Judge Meyer. Her accomplishments were highlighted by Robert Streitz, a Senior Assistant Hennepin County Attorney and former colleague. Judge Francis Connol-

Judge Quam, the newest judge, was the last to be sworn in. His brother, Steve, spoke on his behalf. Judge Gary Larson administered the oath with the Bible held by Kristi Carlson, Judge Quam's wife, and Annika, his daughter. Judge Quam's parents, John and Judy, along with his brother Jeff, held the robe. Judge Quam thanked his family for their

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"I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Judge of District Court, Fourth Judicial District to the best of my judgment and ability, so help me God."

- Judge's oath of office

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resignation of the Honorable Katharian Roe.

As official judicial business, the ceremony was called to order by a Hennepin County Deputy. Attendees stood as robed Minnesota Supreme Court justices, Court of Appeals judges and dozens of Fourth Judicial District judges processed down the aisle and were seated to witness the oaths of their new colleagues.

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland introduced Hennepin County Bar Association President, Michael Unger, who welcomed everyone to the event.

While the tone of the ceremony was formal, it was personalized by all three judges selecting a speaker,

ly administered the oath while her parents, James and Janis Wilson, held the Bible. Judge Meyer was then robed by her husband, Daron and children, Emily and Derek. Judge Meyer then addressed the crowd and spoke about her journey towards becoming a judge.

Judge Robiner's former colleague, Daniel L. Palmquist, an attorney from Leonard, Street and Deinard, provided insights into the judge's career. Judge George McGunnigle administered the oath while Judge Robiner's children, Eli, Sonia and Noah, held the Bible. William Robiner, Judge Robiner's husband, assisted with the robing. Next, Judge Robiner spoke, thanking her family and friends for their support.

support and shared his thoughts on joining the bench of the Fourth Judicial District.

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland adjourned the program and invited guests to congratulate the judges in the lobby.



Judge Quam addresses the audience following his swearing-in.



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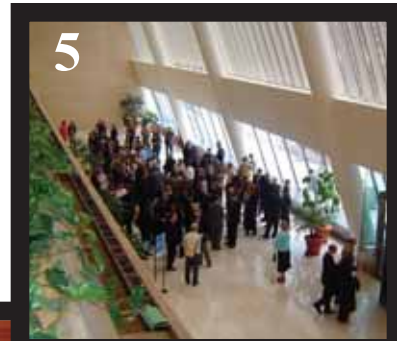
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1. Supreme Court Justice Helen Meyer, Court of Appeals Judge Jill Hallbrooks, 4th District Judges Hedlund, Nord, Duffy, Lynn and Howard observe the ceremony.
2. Judge George McGinnigle swears in Judge Susan Robiner.
3. Chief Judge Lucy Wieland addresses the audience.
4. Judge Gary Larson swears in Judge Jay Quam.
5. Attendees wait to congratulate the new judges in the Thrivent lobby.
6. Nancy Peters of Public Affairs (in the middle) directs the judges to their places in the lineup.
7. Chief Judge Lucy Wieland congratulates and welcomes the three new judges.
8. Judge Frank Connolly swears in Judge Kerry Meyer.
9. Two new judges (from right: Meyer and Robiner) listen to Steve Quam share stories about growing up with Judge Jay Quam shortly before Judge Quam is sworn in.
10. Photographer Noah Robiner (Judge Robiner's son) captures an important moment.



### October is Criminal Justice Month

The Fourth Judicial District joins the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches (GMCC) and a variety of denominational leaders, police chiefs, judges and others to launch the first annual Criminal Justice Month.

The month will feature events that promote greater public awareness of criminal justice issues and support for programs that address them. Criminal Justice Month is designed to help reduce the alarming rate of repeat offenders, making the community a safer place to live and work, and helping those re-entering society after incarceration to live full, productive lives.

Justice partners kicked off the Criminal Justice Month by hosting a Community Justice Call to Action at the Zion Baptist Church in Minneapolis. Event organizers recruited mentors to befriend and work with Hennepin County inmates before and after release. The event featured a panel of ex-offenders, current mentors and involved congregations who explained the mentorship program and answered attendees' questions about training and time commitment.

Judges, staff and citizens are cordially invited to participate in an upcoming no-cost event:

#### **Crime and Poverty Workshop**

Saturday, October 7th, 2006  
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Ridgedale Hennepin County  
Library  
12601 Ridgedale Drive  
Minnetonka

This event reveals how challenging social and economic conditions affect human behavior and potential. Jodi Pfarr, a consultant for Catholic Charities who works with the Saint Paul Police Department, will lead this program spreading the message that despite the obstacles poverty can create, there are specific strategies for overcoming them.

To register contact Sue Allers Hatlie at 612-348-8715.

Pending prior supervisor approval, both events are eligible for training credit.

If you would like more information about this event, please contact Jamie Smith at 612-596-9271 or [Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us).

Information about remaining October is Criminal Justice Month events will be emailed to staff as it becomes available.



### DWI Fast Track Program-six years later

By Hon. Lucy Wieland, Chief Judge

In the summer of 2000, the Hennepin District Court instituted a program to expedite the resolution of alcohol-related traffic offenses, now known as the Fast Track DWI Program. The goal of the program was to expedite the education and treatment of alcohol offenders and enhance public safety by promptly resolving DWI cases. This goal was to be accomplished by scheduling every DWI case for trial within 45 days of the first appearance. A secondary goal was to conserve court resources by scheduling an implied consent hearing after resolution of the criminal case. (An implied consent hearing is the challenge to the driver's license revocation that occurs after a driver tests over the legal limit or refuses a test.) The rationale for this part of the program was that resolution of the criminal cases resolves the majority of implied consent petitions without the need for a hearing.

This program has been adjusted in minor ways over the last few years as statutes and court cases have necessitated change. Currently, the program operates as follows. At the time of the first appearance on the DWI charge, a jury trial is scheduled within 45 days, and a pretrial conference is scheduled before the trial date. All discovery must be completed before the pretrial conference. Upon filing of the implied consent petition, if no criminal case has been filed within 30 days, the petition is scheduled for hearing as soon as practicable. Where there is a companion criminal case pend-

ing, the attorney for the petitioner is advised that, upon request, there will be a stay of the petitioner's driver's license revocation, pending resolution of the criminal case and the implied consent hearing. Upon resolution of the criminal case, a petitioner may waive the hearing or may schedule a hearing as soon as practicable.

A review of the case statistics demonstrates that the program is still meeting its original goals. In 2005, the Hennepin District Court resolved 6,823 non-felony DWI cases. For these DWI cases, the median time from the first court appearance to final disposition of the case was 25 days. The median time from the date of offense to final disposition was 35 days. This prompt justice system response to a DWI offense has been shown to be an effective tool in reducing repeat DWI offenses.

We also reviewed the implied consent petitions resolved in 2005. There were 1,511 petitions filed during 2005 and 1,540 petitions actually resolved during the year. Of the 1,540 disposed petitions, 1,117 of them were dismissed, stricken or settled. Only 27% of the petitions were actually litigated. The information system in the civil area does not currently give us information on the average time to disposition, so we did a hand count of all petitions filed in May 2006, to determine the length of time to disposition. There were 150 implied consent petitions filed in May

of 2006. Of these, 130 or 86.6% were resolved by the end of August 2006. The average time to disposition of those petitions was 60.8 days, and the median was 59 days. There were twenty implied consent cases still pending at the end of August. In eight of those cases, the criminal case had been resolved, but the final order in the implied consent case had not been issued or the implied consent hearing date had been continued by the parties. In twelve of the cases, the criminal case was still pending, generally because the criminal trial had been continued.

In sum, the goals of the Fast Track DWI program in the Hennepin District Court continue to be met after six years of operation. As the litigants and the attorneys have adjusted to the program, the court has been successful in advancing the goal of public safety by a prompt response to DWI offenders and has conserved judicial resources while also protecting the due process rights of the drivers.



*Criminal Division files*

### **Judge James T. Swenson named the District Court Judge of the Year by the Minnesota District Judges Association**

On September 7, 2006, Judge James T. Swenson was awarded the District Court Judge of the Year award for his outstanding service to the Minnesota judiciary at the tenth annual meeting of the MDJA.

Judge Swenson is currently assigned to Family Court, where he is in his tenth year of service. He dedicated years to streamlining case processing to benefit children and families involved in Family Court cases. As a result of his leadership, the Fourth Judicial District continues to be a standard to which other district family courts strive.

In 2001, he helped develop and guide the aggressive case management program and the Early Neutral Evaluation (ENE) used extensively in Family Court.

The aggressive case management program is designed to move families through court as quickly, fairly and inexpensively as possible. The aggressive case management program enabled Family Court to decrease the time it takes from petition to judgment by an average of 35 percent. Judge Swenson reduced time in his court by 45 percent.

The ENE program serves divorcing or never-married parents who may dispute custody or parenting time (visitation/access). The ENE program, which supplements the aggressive case management program, is designed to short-circuit potentially contentious fights

regarding children and explore the possibility of expediting settlement.

The combined aggressive case management and ENE programs have been so successful that they are now the new models for similar programs across the United States and Canada.

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**Judge Swenson reduced the time in his court from filing to judgment by 45 percent.**

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In addition, Judge Swenson has developed many other alternative dispute resolution techniques that are used as best practices guide-

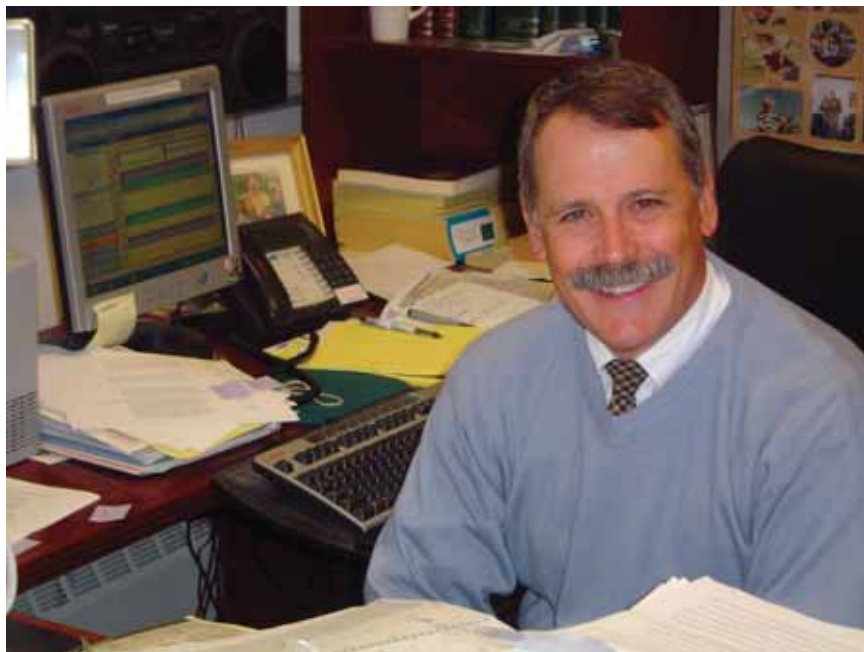
lines in family courts throughout Minnesota.

Judge Swenson was nominated for the MDJA award because he has distinguished himself through his contributions to improving the judicial system, promoting judicial efficiency and performing outstanding service to the community.

Nominations for the award were submitted by judges, court staff, lawyers and the public throughout the state. A committee of three retired judges selected the winner.

This honor follows his 2005 Anne V. Simonett award as the Fourth Judicial District Employee of the Year.

Congratulations, Judge Swenson!



*Judge James Swenson in his chambers at the Family Justice Center between hearings one Friday morning.*



### DASC wins the National Association of Counties Achievement Award



*From left: Dr. Heidi Coplin (HCMC); Katie Brey (Court Operations Manager of Family and Domestic Abuse); Mark Thompson (District Administrator); Judy Mathison (Court Operations Supervisor of Domestic Abuse); Dr. Lynn Abramson (Administrator, HCMC); Lolita Ulloa (Hennepin County Attorney's Office)*

On September 7, 2006, the Domestic Abuse Service Center and two partners were awarded the National Association of Counties (NACo) Achievement Award under the Criminal Justice and Public Safety category.

Developed by DASC, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and the Hennepin County Medical Center, the Collaborative Domestic Violence Program improves services to victims of domestic violence who are patients at the hospital.

The program increases the documentation of medial injuries that are used in criminal prosecutions against perpetrators and it speeds up the time it takes to secure an Order for Protection from the court. These changes contribute to the safety of the victims.

Judy Mathison arranged for Jim Anderson of IT to install the OFP template for use by HCMC staff. Judy trained HCMC staff how to fill out the OFP forms. Once the forms are filled out, Judy, or another DASC staff member, reviews and presents them to the signing judge. Once signed, the order is filed, a hearing date assigned and the information is entered into the OFP State System.

This new program has improved services to victims of domestic violence by increasing procedural efficiency and maximizing resources.

Congratulations to Judy Mathison and the staff at DASC for their important contribution to this program!

## SAVE THE DATE

THE 2006 ANNE V. SIMONETT NOMINATIONS AND AWARD CEREMONY WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE COUNTY BOARD ROOM, A24.

NOMINATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL OCTOBER 20TH.

JUDGES AND STAFF ARE ASKED TO CONSIDER THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF COWORKERS IN 2005 AND TO NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL REFLECTING QUALITY, EXCELLENCE AND PUBLIC SERVICE. ANY JUDGE, REFEREE, JUDICIAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MAY BE NOMINATED FOR THE ANNE V. SIMONETT AWARD. AN INDIVIDUAL MAY BE NOMINATED FOR HIS/HER CONTRIBUTION TO A TEAM OR GROUP. TEAM OR GROUP NOMINATIONS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

PLEASE CONTACT NANCY PETERS 348-5022 WITH QUESTIONS OR TO RECEIVE A NOMINATION FORM.

## Juvenile Court program screens for FASD

By Jamie Smith

While on leave from the bench, Referee Susan Carlson of Juvenile Court spearheaded the implementation of the Fetal Alcohol Specialty Division of the Department of Community Corrections/Project Support Mental Health Clinic. This division screens youth in the Hennepin County juvenile justice system for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD).

The program aims to assist the courts, probation, schools, social workers and other justice partners improve service delivery by identifying youth with FASD and intervening. Prior to implementation in late 2005, youth in the Hennepin County juvenile justice system did not routinely receive any type of screening for FASD. Our district is one of only five nationwide to actively screen, identify and intervene in this manner.

FASD includes a range of birth defects, from identifying facial features and other physical abnormalities, to more significantly, brain damage. As a result of brain damage, they have trouble learning from mistakes, interacting with others and often exercise poor judgement. [See box]

"Fetal alcohol exposure may be one of the most significant unrecognized factors in the failure of our systems to adequately address the problems of our most at-risk, dysfunctional families," explains Referee Carlson in a statement on the issue. Those suffering this disability are more likely to enter the juvenile justice and child protection systems.

A diagnosis of FASD defines a person as disabled and helps caregivers and service providers to have appropriate expectations for success and to pro-

vide the appropriate services. Research proves that identifying those with FASD will reduce secondary disabilities which can include substance abuse, future FASD children, mental health problems and involvement with the criminal justice system. A diagnosis of FASD will assist the court in deciding appropriate dispositions. Ultimately, that will reduce recidivism and improve the quality of life for the youth and families affected by FASD.

Between January 1, and August 31, 2006, 422 youths completed an FASD screen. Sixty-three children were referred to the FASD diagnostic clinic. Thirty-one of the referred youth completed a diagnostic evaluation and thirty two others have evaluations pending. All thirty-one who completed the evaluation received a diagnosis within the spectrum of FASD. This is evidence that the screening program is identifying youth with FASD.

The first year evaluation completed in August found that the program successfully met its goal of creating a protocol to screen youth for FASD. As the screening program is still in its initial stages and the diagnoses are new, it is too early to show the outcome of the diagnosed youths.

### Issues related to FASD\*

#### Elementary years (6-11):

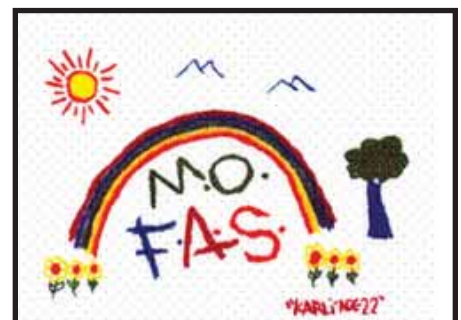
- Normal I.Q. (or borderline or high) but immature
- Volatile & impulsive, impaired reasoning
- Socially isolated & emotionally disconnected
- Blames others for all problems
- Vivid fantasies & perseverance problems
- High need for stimulation
- Possible fascination with knives and/or fire
- School becoming increasingly difficult
- May have behavior and/or emotional disorder

#### Adolescent years (13-18):

- No personal or property boundaries
- High risk behavior, possible gang or criminal activity
- Naïve, suggestible, a follower
- Poor judgment, reasoning and memory
- Isolated, sometimes depressed and/or suicidal
- Family in crisis
- Poor social skills
- Unable to link action & consequence, won't accept responsibility
- Unable to handle typical teenage freedom
- Doesn't learn from mistakes

#### Adulthood:

- Unpredictable & impulsive
- Highly volatile (poor problem solving, violent, co-dependent relationships, etc.)
- Unable to read environment, lacking social communication
- Doesn't understand laws, rules, codes of conduct, etc.
- Poor abstracting ability (lacks understanding of safe sex/birth control)
- Pathological liar
- Doesn't seem to understand right & wrong
- Spotty employment record (poor "soft" skills)
- Substance abuse
- Limited life skills & unrealistic goals
- Possible mental health diagnosis (depression, obsessive/compulsive, conduct disorder, etc.)



\*Information courtesy of Minnesota Organization for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome ([www.mofas.org](http://www.mofas.org))



## **Number of children adopted from foster care system increases**

Congratulations to Minnesota child protection system stakeholders for increasing the number of children adopted from foster care. If a state completed more adoptions in 2005 than in the baseline year, the state receives an incentive payment of \$4,000 for every child adopted beyond their best year's total, plus a payment of \$4,000 for each child aged nine and older and \$2,000 for every special needs child adopted above the baseline year. Because of its adoption efforts, Minnesota received an incentive payment of \$154,000.

According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services, in 2005, 732 children across the state were adopted from state guardianship. Of those, 174 children were adopted in Hennepin County. That translates to 23.77% of the children in foster care who were adopted in Minnesota in 2005 came from Hennepin County.



*Children awaiting adoption (image from Hennepin County brochure)*

## **SAVE THE DATE**



NATIONAL ADOPTION DAY IS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2006.

IT IS A COLLECTIVE NATIONAL EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE 119,000 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE WAITING TO FIND PERMANENT, LOVING FAMILIES. SINCE 1997, HENNEPIN COUNTY HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT.

THIS YEAR THE CELEBRATION WILL INCLUDE: ADOPTION FINALIZATION HEARINGS, A PROGRAM AND FUN FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER. CONTACT INFORMATION: ANA DEAN-PODRATZ (HPHSD) AT 612-348-4341 OR SHELDYN HIMLE (JUVENILE COURT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR) AT 612-348-9678.

### District Court reaches out to veterans and their families at MN Veterans Summit 2006



*At left: Shirley Larson, Criminal Division; Walter Burk, Staff Attorney, Family Court Self Help Center and Debra Swaden, Staff Attorney, PSL Self Help Center ready to answer questions about anything from expungements to visitation.*

Three volunteers from the Criminal Division and Self Help Centers staffed a court information booth at Governor Pawlenty's Minnesota Veteran's Summit Resource Fair at the Minneapolis Convention Center on September 21st. The Resource Fair connected returning soldiers with services to assist in their reintegration of daily life in Minnesota. The three answered questions posed by soldiers, MN State Patrol recruiters and family members of returning soldiers.



*Below: Veterans at the Resource Fair*

### Upcoming Volunteer Opportunity

The Annual Parents in Community Action (PICA) Headstart Fall Family Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This festival connects health, employment, housing, educational and other social service agencies to Head Start and Early Head Start families.

Jamie Smith from Public Affairs is coordinating volunteers for the event. Please watch your email for more information.



*At left: Chris Matimba, Human Resources, assists a family at the PICA Headstart Fall Family Festival in 2005.*

### Limited English Proficiency Resources Seminar

Have you ever needed to help a customer who didn't speak English? Have you ever tried to assist someone who was deaf or hard of hearing? What did you do? How did you handle the situation? What resources did you use to assist these Limited English Proficiency (LEP) customers?

Did you know that District Court is required to provide meaningful access to court services for LEP customers? Or, that as a member of District Court staff that you have a performance expectation to provide a consistent level of excellence in customer service to LEP customers? Are you aware of the available LEP resources to help you assist these customers and how to use them appropriately?

Find out what LEP is, who is covered under its umbrella and what it means to you as a staff member of District Court at the LEP Resources Seminar. **Completion of this training is mandatory for ALL STAFF and should be completed by December 31, 2006.** This same training was offered in the spring on April 17th and May 11th.

On Tuesday, October 10th and Tuesday, October 17th, the session will be offered from 8:30-10:00 a.m., 10:30-12:00 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. on both days. All sessions will be held in the A-level Auditorium. You do not need to preregister for your chosen session. To receive credit for the training, you must be present for the entire session.

Contact Leah Erickson, Training and Organizational Development Manager at 612-348-0134 or by email at [leah.erickson@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:leah.erickson@courts.state.mn.us).

### GAL volunteer training sessions

The Guardian ad Litem Office in Juvenile Court is once again offering training for volunteer GALs. Please contact the GAL Program staff if you, or someone you know, is interested in being a court-appointed GAL volunteer to speak out on behalf of a child.

Fall 2006 Evening Session (12 total)  
Every Monday & Thursday night from 4:00 -8:30 p.m.  
October: 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30  
November: 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20

Attendance at all sessions is required. Some makeup sessions may be available. Accommodations will be made for those observing religious holidays.

Contact Sokunthea Soeun at 612-348-9827 for more information.



*Fall in Minnesota*



# JUDICIAL

### Bench Meeting

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
1st Monday of Month  
C2300, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Bench and Bar

Judge TBA  
4th Tuesday of Month  
C957 or HCBA, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

### Civil Committee

Judge Frank Connolly  
Minutes: Lynn Fuchs  
3rd Monday of Month  
C1400, 12:15 p.m.

### Criminal Committee

Judge Stephen Swanson  
Minutes: Donna Badje  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
C1400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Criminal Justice Task Force

Judge Stephen Swanson  
Minutes: Donna Badje  
1st Wednesday of Month  
A2300, 12:15 p.m.

### Critical Issues

Marsha Unthank  
Agenda: Deb Morse  
1st and 3rd Tuesday of Month  
C12, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Drug Court Steering Committee

Judge Gary Larson  
Quarterly Basis  
C641, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

### Equal Justice Committee

Judge Alexander  
Minutes: Jamie Smith  
1st Thursday of Month  
JJC 3C, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Executive Committee

Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
2nd & 4th Wednesday of Month  
C1400, 7:15-9:00 a.m.

### Family Court Bench

Judge Bruce Peterson  
3rd Tuesday of Month  
FJC172, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Joint Committee on Community Corrections

Board/Bench  
Chief Judge Lucy Wieland  
1st Thursday of Month  
C2300, 12:00 noon-1:30 p.m.

### Juvenile Court Bench

Judge Tanya Bransford  
3rd Thursday of Month  
JJC 3A, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Landlord/Tenant Bench and Bar

Referee Mark Labine  
3rd Friday of Month  
A1744 (*settlement rm*), 12:15-1:15 p.m.

### Mental Health Court Committee

Judge Richard Hopper  
Agenda and Minutes: Manette Chineth  
1st Thursday of Month  
C400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Presiding Judges

Agenda and Minutes: Deb Morse  
4th Monday of Month  
C1400, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

### Public Trust & Confidence

Judge Kevin Burke  
Minutes: Jamie Smith  
4th Wednesday of Month  
C1059, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

To present  
an item  
to any of  
these  
committees,  
please contact  
the judge  
or staff  
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# STAFF

### Administrative Staff Meeting

Mike Kelley  
Agenda and Minutes: Cheri Sayre  
2nd Tuesday of Month  
C1400, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### Court Operations Managers

Katie Brey  
3rd Thursday of Month  
C400, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

### Court Op. Leadworkers

Human Resources Specialist  
4th Thursday of Month  
C1400, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

### Employee Appreciation & Recognition

Liz Dold & Amanda Bloodsaw  
4th Tuesday of Month  
C400, 7:30-9:00 a.m.

### 4th Ct Op. Supervisors

Jason Kujanen  
1st Thursday of Month  
C1257, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

### Senior Admin Managers Team Meeting

Mike Kelley  
Agenda & Minutes: Cheri Sayre  
1st Thursday of Month  
C1400, 8:30-10:00 a.m. &  
3rd Wednesday of Month  
C1400, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

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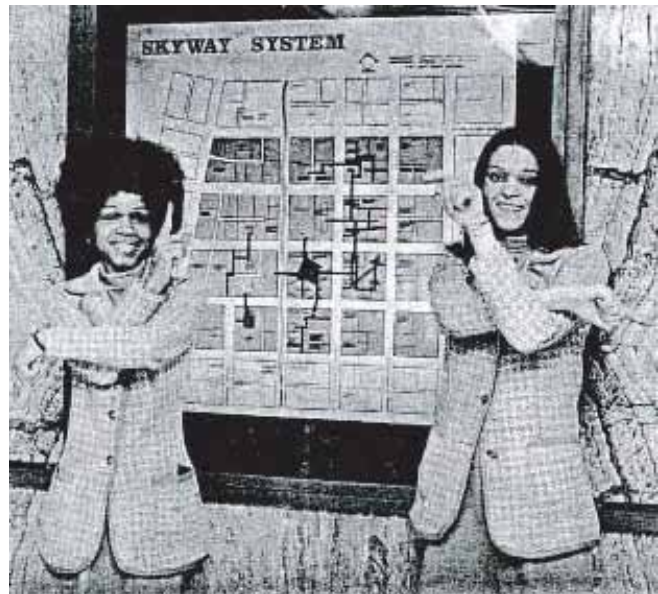
## Staff Photo of the Month

This new section will spotlight different staff members through the decades.

Who is in the photo on the far right and what is she doing?

The first person to correctly identify this information will win a prize. The winner will appear in the next issue of the *Full Court Press*.

Please email your answer to Public Affairs at [Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us](mailto:Jamie.Smith@courts.state.mn.us). Good luck!



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